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LHASA.

## Entry of the Mission.

CAMP LHASA, August 29.  
To-day we came in sight of Lhasa. From our camp, about seven miles distant, we can see the golden dome of the Potala, the Dalai Lama's palace, built on a bluff rock north of the city and the Lama's Medical College on a conical hill facing it. The rocky monastery projects from the hill to the south like a screen hiding the city as if nature had conspired in its seclusion. No view can be obtained until one is within three miles of the place. The Mounted Infantry reconnoitred so far to-day, passing Dajung Monastery, a huge building, golden-roofed, and large as a town. The environs of the city appear thickly wooded. The Kyichu, the holy river of Lhasa, is a more considerable stream than was expected; in places it is as broad as the Thames, and at Meadow sandy dunes, overgrown with scrub, like the east coast of England, extend to the margin of cultivation, leaving a well-defined line between the green cornfields and the barren sand. The crops, which are now ripening, promise a plentiful harvest. The hillsides are bare and sterile, coated in places with acres of cultivated land, while all around is sand and crumbling granite. The heat of the valley is almost tropical. The elevation of Lhasa is 12,500ft., at least 500 feet higher than the previous estimates. All the country between the Karm La and here is found higher than recorded on the maps.

A lengthy durbar has just been concluded. It was more representative and included the two Shapas, the Secretary to the Amban, and the abbots of all the chief monasteries. The delegates made a last appeal to us not to proceed, and on refusal entreated us not to enter the city itself, alleging possible outbreaks. Colonel Young, husband said the advance must be continued. We have been promised supplies which will be paid for.

The Dalai Lama's movements are uncertain. It is reported that he has retired to a small monastery within a few miles of Lhasa.

GYANTSE, August 10.

We made our first entry into Lhasa to-day when Colonel Younghusband rode through the city to return the visit of the Amban, accompanied by the Mission correspondents, an escort of the Royal Fusiliers, the 2nd Mounted Infantry, half a company of Mounted Infantry, two guns, and a detachment of Sappers. Four companies of Infantry were held ready to support the escort if necessary.

The city is squalid and filthy beyond description; undrained, unpaved, not a single house looked clean or cared for. The streets after rain are nothing but pools of stagnant water frequented by pigs and dogs searching for refuse. Even the Joehang Cathedral appeared mean and squalid at close quarters whence its gilded roofs are invisible. More picturesque features of the scene are hollyhocks, marigold, snap dragon in pots, and doves and singing birds in cages. Above all the squalor Potala towered superbly outside the city, its bastions and terraces built in solid rock. Despite the squalid environs, mystery and romance still cling to the sacred palace. No one knows what treasures or sacred relics is hidden behind the thousand windows or when or where the spiritual inmate died. The few Tibetans we met in the street are dressed in rags that must have lasted a life-time. The people of the city are strangely incurious. A baker kneading dough glanced at us casually and went on kneading. Women wearing barely looked up from their work. The streets are almost deserted, perhaps by order of the authorities to prevent an outbreak. As we returned small crowds had gathered in doorways and women were peering through windows. No one followed or took more than a listless interest. One might think the entry of a foreign army into Lhasa, the presence of British political officers in gold-laced uniforms was an everyday event. No Tibetans except necessary coolies visit the camp. The place might be boycotted. The general attitude of the natives seems indifferent and apathetic.

The interview of Colonel Younghusband and the Amban was mainly complimentary. When the conversation turned to the Tibetans the Amban complained of their darkness and cunning. They were children in negotiation, adepts in dilatoriness and procrastination, and seem incompetent to conduct business on the serious lines necessary for a settlement. Colonel Younghusband requested that accredited commissioners be selected to treat throughout the whole negotiations. He would not submit to interview a succession of irresponsible persons as hitherto. He complained of the evasiveness of the Tibetans. The highest officials had visited him on several occasions and when asked to arrange the simplest matter excused themselves as unable to undertake the responsibility.

In the afternoon the terms were disclosed to the Amban who will communicate them to the Tibetans. So far the only terms intimated to the Lamas is that they must meet the cost of the army while in Tibet. Every day spent here will increase the indemnity. There is little doubt that at first the Lamas will meet us with evasion and obsequiousness in which case Colonel

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Ladies who are willing to enter for these Courses are requested to send in their names to the Hon. Secretary (Rev. P. T. JOHNSON) before September 15th.

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Hongkong, August 26, 1904. 1567

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A. S. MISHARA,  
Manager.  
Hongkong, May 20, 1904. 1400

## Intimations.

THE HONGKONG & KOWLOON  
WHARF & GODOWN COMPANY,  
LD.

NOTICE is hereby given that an EXTRA-ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the Hongkong & Kowloon Wharf & Godown Company, Limited, will be held at Messrs. JARDINE, MATHESON & Co's Offices, Pedder Street, Victoria, Hongkong, on WEDNESDAY, the 31st day of August, 1904, at 12.15 o'clock in the afternoon, when the following resolutions will be proposed:

1. That the said resolutions be passed by the required majority they will be submitted for confirmation as special resolutions to a second Extraordinary meeting, which will be subsequently convened.

2. That the Capital of the Company be increased from \$1,500,000 to \$2,000,000 by the creation of 10,000 new shares of \$20 each.

3. That such new shares be issued at a premium of \$30 per share and be offered to those persons who are registered as shareholders of the Company on 1st October, 1904, in the proportion of one new share for every complete three shares held by them on 1st October, 1904.

4. That the amount due for the new shares be called up on 31st December, 1904.

Dated the 15th August, 1904.  
By Order of the Board,  
EDWARD OSBORNE,  
Secretary.

ZETLAND LODGE,  
No. 525, E.C.

A REGULAR MEETING of ZETLAND LODGE will be held at FREEMASONS' HALL, on THURSDAY, the 1st September, at 8.30 for 9 p.m. precisely. Visiting Brethren are cordially invited to attend.

Hongkong, August 23, 1904. 1553

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF HONGKONG.

In the Matter of the Estate of MARIANO FERNANDEZ, late of Victoria, in the Colony of Hongkong, Carutaker of the Aberdeen Reservoir, Public Works Department, deceased.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Court has, by virtue of Section 58 of Ordinance No. 3 of 1897, made an Order limiting to the 21st day of October, 1904, for sending in Claims against the above Estate.

All creditors are hereby required to send their Claims to the undersigned before the said date.

Dated this 21st day of July, 1904.  
ARATHOON SMYTH,  
Official Administrator.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF HONGKONG.

PROBATE JURISDICTION.

In the Goods of ARTHUR JAMES JACKSON, deceased.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Court has, by virtue of Section 58 of Ordinance No. 3 of 1897, made an Order limiting the time for Creditors and others to send in their Claims against the above Estate to the 24th September, 1904.

All Creditors are accordingly hereby required to send their Claims to the undersigned on or before that date.

Dated the 24th June, 1904.  
DEACON, LOOKER & DEACON,  
Solicitors for the Administrator.

THE HONGKONG AND KOWLOON WHARF AND GODOWN CO., LD.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

AN INTERIM DIVIDEND at the Rate of 1/2 Per Cent (Two Halfpennies and a Half per Share) for the Six Months ending 30th June, 1904, will be PAID on Application to those Persons who are Registered as Shareholders in the above Company, on the 31st AUGUST, 1904.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 28th to 31st August, both days inclusive.

EDWARD OSBORNE,  
Secretary.  
Hongkong, August 25, 1904. 1563

HONGKONG AND WHAMPOA DOCK COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE DIVIDEND of 12 1/2 per Share and BONUS of 4 1/2 per Share for the six months ending 30th June, 1904, declared at Monday's Ordinary Half-yearly Meeting, will be Payable at the Premises of the HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION, on and after TUESDAY, 23rd August, and Shareholders are requested to apply for DIVIDEND WARRANTS at the COMPANY'S OFFICE, Queen's Buildings, New Praya.

By Order of the Board of Directors,  
THOS. I. ROSE,  
Secretary.

Hongkong, August 23, 1904. 1550

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Rumours concerning the whereabouts of the Dalai Lama are most contradictory. The Nepalese Resident says he fled with Dorjeff Nagchuks a hundred miles north of Lhasa. The Amban denies the report. Others say he is at Gaden Monastery close by. His movements are shrouded in mystery. Dorjeff is supposed to have fled to Mongolia weeks ago, perhaps to collect troops.

The Tibetans have established a bazaar outside the camp, and the Shaps are bringing in presents.

Gyantsé post arrives and leaves here twice a week. The first convey from Gyantsé is expected about the 14th. All ranks are enjoying the rest after the hardships of the march.

Good fishing is obtained in the neighbouring streams and a race meeting is being arranged. One amusing feature of the durbars is the variety of hats worn by the Lamas, these of the officials resembling red lambskins, exaggerated Gainsboroughs, yellow motor caps, mediæval helmets, inverted cooking pots and cozzettos. One wore an incongruous English felt hat. The medley would prove an immense attraction in a pantomime or comic opera.

#### RELATION OF LITERATURE TO POLITICS

In an interesting article in the *Revue Bleue*, M. Francis Maurer has gathered the opinions of those whom he calls "the intellectual élite"—M. Berthelot and Jules Lemaitre of the French Academy, A. Lemaître of the Institute, Maurice Barrès and others—on the relations of literature to the state. He contributes to the subject the note of his own, in which he considers the influence the great men of letters have brought to bear on the politics of certain periods. From the time when Ruyter Collard, Maine de Biran, Benjamin Constant, De Bonald, and Chateaubriand lent such an elevated tone to the ardour of the Restoration, followed later by Guizot, Lamartine, and Victor Hugo, he brings us to the last decade and the part played by E. Zola, Anatole France, Jules Lemaitre, Dorey, Lecomte, Guinon, Fabre, and Mirbeau, whose political influence has been through their writings. Will the action of this élite become coordinate, more certain, stronger? Will politics and letters fraternize? asks M. Maurer, and continues:

Will M. Jules Lemaitre become a member of the Chamber of Deputies and will M. Anatole France succeed that hard politician, M. Combes? Who can say?

During a solemn session of the French Academy on the 26th of November M. Thureau-Dangin, the historian, who usually effaces himself, affirmed that the *littérateur* had a more lasting title to speak in the name of French thought than the proscribers of a day—and in virtue of this right the *Revue Bleue* has undertaken to gather the following opinions:

"Asked if he thought that the scientist had political duties to fulfil in a democracy, M. Berthelot, the great popular savant, answered:

"Assuredly he has... and this duty to the state is not apparent only at the times of national crises, but at all times. In a republic the state the duty of the savant is the same as that of any other citizen. He owes part of his thought and his action to the direction of public affairs. He owes his own personal efforts to the progress of humanity. This duty is even more binding upon the savant than upon other citizens because of his intelligence and the superior gifts of which he owes his country an account."

"M. J. Lemaitre, in a mood of pessimistic retrospection, answers in this wise:

"How can I know if it is the duty of the *littérateur* to take part in politics? Never was there so much talk of duty as at this period of our weakness and self-abandon. Let us say, that it is the right of every writer—and it is his duty if he deems it such."

"M. Maurice Barrès, the well-known *littérateur*, adds a pithy postscript to his answer, and says:

"If I had had time to be brief, I would have told you that it is the business of every writer to discuss the questions that occupy the public mind. Consequently, he should write of politics also. But properly speaking, one does not become a man of politics by the simple fact of writing discussions. The most brilliant of debaters remains but a man of theories, while the statesman, the true politician, is a man of practice. No doubt scientists and writers can become men of affairs, but neither literature nor science has anything to do with it."

—Translation made for the Literary Digest.



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#### EUROPEAN MAIL.

DEP.	STEAMER.	DESTINATION.	MAIL.	DEP.
			ABOUT.	
Sept. 6	M. M. Polynesian	Marseilles	Oct. 5	Oct. 16
10	P. & O. Chusan	London	15	26
14	G. M. S. Gudensau	Hamburg	19	28
20	M. M. Ernest Shons	Marseilles	23	30
24	P. & O. India	London	27	Nov. 8
28	G. M. S. Bayern	Bremen	30	11
Oct. 4	M. M. Australien	Marseilles	Nov. 2	13
8	P. & O. Bengal	London	6	22
12	G. M. S. Sachsen	Hamburg	16	27
18	M. M. ...	Marseilles	20	27
22	P. & O. Coromandel	Bremen	25	Dec. 6
26	G. M. S. Zieten	Marseilles	30	29
Nov. 1	M. M. ...	London	Dec. 4	11
5	P. & O. Malta	Hamburg		
9	G. M. S. Prinzess Alice			

#### AMERICAN MAIL.

DEP.	STEAMER.	DESTINATION.	DUE.
Aug. 31	N. P. L. Shawmut	Tacoma	20
Sept. 3	P. M. S. Mongolia	San Francisco	
14	P. & A. Aragonia	Portland, O.	Oct. 1
15	P. M. S. China	San Francisco	
27	P. M. S. Doric	Tacoma	14
Oct. 1	N. T. L. Tromsø	San Francisco	25
8	P. M. S. Siberia	Portland, O.	Nov. 5
11	P. & A. Numania	San Francisco	
20	P. M. S. Coptic	do.	18
Nov. 1	do.	do.	29
10	do.	do.	31
22	do.	do.	Dec. 20
Dec. 3	do.	do.	31
15	do.	do.	1905
Jan. 7	do.	do.	13
1905	do.	do.	24
19	do.	do.	Feb. 4
31	do.	do.	17
Feb. 11	do.	do.	28

#### CANADIAN MAIL.

DEP.	STEAMER.	DESTINATION.	DUE.
Sept. 21	C. P. R. Empress of Japan	Vancouver.	Oct. 12
Oct. 12	do.	do.	29
Nov. 9	do.	do.	Nov. 26
Nov. 16	do.	do.	Dec. 9
Dec. 14	do.	do.	Jan. 21
1905	do.	do.	Feb. 2
Jan. 11	do.	do.	Mar. 1
25	do.	do.	Mar. 15

#### AUSTRALIAN MAIL.

DEP.	STEAMER.	DESTINATION.	DUE.
Sept. 13	C. N. Changha	Sydney.	Oct. 2
17	E. & A. Eastern	do.	6
30	C. N. Chingtu	do.	19
Nov. 15	E. & A. Australian	do.	29
16	C. N. Tsinan	do.	30
25	E. & A. Empiro	do.	Nov. 7
Dec. 9	C. N. Taiyuan	do.	19
14	C. N. Changha	do.	24
1905	E. & A. Eastern	do.	28
Jan. 11	C. N. Chingtu	do.	Mar. 1
20	E. & A. Australian	do.	12
Feb. 8	C. N. Tsinan	do.	19
11	E. & A. Empiro	do.	29
Mar. 8	E. & A. Australian	do.	Apr. 16
May 3	do.	do.	May 24

#### Intimations.

##### NOTICE TO MARINERS.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Master of the British Steamer *LIN GAN*, reports having on the 2nd Inst., passed a FLOATING WRECK in Lat. 38° 24' N., Long. 120° 54' E., and on the same day in Lat. 38° 34' N., Long. 120° 38' E., he passed a Floating Mine with projecting Prongs.

A. HOLZ,  
Harbour Master, &c.  
Swatow, August 12, 1904. 1480

A. S. WATSON & CO., LIMITED.  
ISSUE OF 30,000 NEW SHARES OF \$10 EACH.

PURSUANT to Resolution of the General Managers of A. S. Watson & Co., Limited, hereby invite applications from the Shareholders of the Company for the issue of 30,000 New Shares of \$10 each at a Premium of 10 per cent or \$11 a Share.

Each Registered Shareholder on the 28th day of September, 1904, applying for the New Issue will be entitled to one share for every two shares registered in his name. Shares not applied for by those entitled to apply will be dealt with by the General Managers in accordance with Article 40 of the Company's Articles of Association.

Applications for Shares in the New Issue will be received by the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation in Hongkong from the 28th September, 1904, to the 30th September, 1904, both days inclusive, and the whole amount of \$11 per Share will be payable on application.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 28th September, 1904, to the 8th October, 1904, both days inclusive.

The present paid-up Capital of the Company is \$600,000, divided into 60,000 Shares of \$10 each, and the New Issue is required to increase the Capital of the Company to \$900,000 divided into 90,000 Shares of \$10 each.

The whole of the premium received from the New Issue will be placed to the Credit of the Permanent Reserve Fund.

The New Issue will rank for Dividend for the three months ending 31st December, 1904, payable in May, 1905.

Forms of application for the New Issue can be obtained at the Company's Offices in Alexandra Buildings, or at the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation in Hongkong, Shanghai, and London.

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Name.	Class.	Tons.	Guns.	H.P.	Captain.	Look reported at
Alacrity	despatch-vessel	1790	12	3000	Comdr Richard M. Harbord	Waihaiwei
Albion	battleship, 1st class	12,950	24	13,500	Captain Sydney R. Fremantle	Waihaiwei
Algerine	ship	1050	6	1400	Commander R. Nugent	Behring Sea
Amphitrite	cruiser, 1st class	11,000	16	18,000	Capt. Charles Widdham, C.V.O.	Waihaiwei
Andromeda	cruiser, 1st class	11,000	16	18,000	Capt. R. N. Ommamney	Chongshu
Bramble	gunboat, 1st class	710	6	1300	Lieut.-Comd. G. M. Makins	Yangtze
Centurion	gunboat, 1st class	710	6	1300	Lieut.-Comd. T. D. Frost	Waihaiwei
Centauro	battleship, 1st class	10,700	14	13,000	Captain Edgar	Waihaiwei
Cerberus	cruiser, 1st class	12,000	14	21,000	Captain Henry M. Tudor	Hongkong
Charybdis	water tank and tug	6000	11	8000	Captain Robert H. S. Stokes	Singapore
Colossus	cruiser, 2nd class	1070	10	1400	Comdr. Ernest Barton	Chinwanto
Conqueror	torpedo boat destroyer	380	6	5700		Waihaiwei
Conqueror	cruiser, 3rd class	1680	12	3200	Comdr. P. V. Lewis, D.S.O.	Waihaiwei
Conqueror	battleship, 1st class	12,950	18	13,500	Captain Hon. Walter G. Spafford	Hongkong
Conqueror	torpedo boat destroyer	270	6	4000	Reserve	Hongkong
Conqueror	torpedo boat destroyer	270	6	4000		Hongkong
Conqueror	torpedo boat destroyer	1440	6	800	Lieut.-Comdr. F. M. Stidore	Hongkong
Conqueror	torpedo boat destroyer	3600	17	9000	Captain W. B. Faulkner	Shanghai
Conqueror	torpedo boat destroyer	280	6	3900	Lieut.-Comdr. A. Gregory	Taku
Conqueror	torpedo boat destroyer	14,100	18	31,500	Lt.-Comdr. C. P. Metcalfe	Yangtze
Conqueror	cruiser, 1st class	180	2	300	Lt.-Comdr. C. P. Metcalfe	Hongkong
Conqueror	river gunboat	12,950	18	13,500	Captain Francis G. Kirby	West River
Conqueror	battleship, 1st class	350	6	1300	Lt.-Comdr. R. E. Noble	Waihaiwei
Conqueror	torpedo boat destroyer	1015	6	1400	Captain T. G. Groat	Hongkong
Conqueror	ship	835	6	600	Reserve	Hongkong
Conqueror	surveying-vessel	980	10	1400	Commander John Nicholas	Hongkong
Conqueror	river gunboat	85	2	240	Comdr. C. E. Mouro	Strait Division
Conqueror	ship	85	2	240	Lt.-Com. R. E. Vaughan	Hongkong
Conqueror	river gunboat	85	2	240	Lt.-Com. Vivian	West River
Conqueror	ship	85	2	240	Lt.-Com. H. H. Moore	Hongkong
Conqueror	cruiser, 2nd class	3600	25	240	Lt.-Comdr. Davidson	Yangtze
Conqueror	river gunboat	250	6	6500	Fleet Reserve	Hongkong
Conqueror	torpedo boat destroyer	4600	6	—	Commander Dicken	Hongkong
Conqueror	torpedo boat destroyer	180	2	800	Lt.-Comdr. E. V. Dugmore	Yangtze
Conqueror	ship	14,200	18	31,500	Capt. A. P. Sturges	Yangtze
Conqueror	cruiser, 1st class	3400	8	8000	Capt. A. C. Wilkinson	Waihaiwei
Conqueror	cruiser, 2nd class	350	6	1300	Lieut.-Comdr. R. H. Keste	Yangtze
Conqueror	coast defence gunboat	12,950	18	13,500	Capt. Leslie Stuart, C.M.G.	Waihaiwei
Conqueror	battleship, 1st class	980	6	1400	Comdr. S. St. John Farguhar,	Shanghai
Conqueror	ship	355	6	6300	Reserve	Hongkong
Conqueror	torpedo boat destroyer	620	—	450	Comdr. Ernest C. Hardy	Waihaiwei
Conqueror	surveying ship	360	6	690	In Reserve	Waihaiwei
Conqueror	torpedo boat destroyer	150	2	500	Lieut.-Com. W. Wrightson	Upper Yangtze
Conqueror	river gunboat	150	2	500	Lieut.-Com. Wason	Upper Yangtze

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#### Foreign Men-of-war on the China and Japan Station

Name.	Flag and Description.	Tons.	Guns.	H.P.	Captains.	
Aspern Elisabeth	Austro-Hungarian cruiser	2437	20	7300	Capt. Friedrich Grinzenberger	Shanghai
	Austro-Hungarian cruiser	4000	28	8000	Captain Mirdl	Japan
Acheron	French armoured gunboat	1790	10	1700	Comdr. Laferriere	Salmon
Albatros	French gunboat	300	7	400	Lieut. A. Varney	Salmon
Agave	French gunboat	123	3	150	Lieut. Crespin	Canton
Aspic	French gunboat	475	3	150	Lieut. Journet	Salmon
Avallanche	French gunboat	580	6	400		Haiphong
Bangalore	French gunboat	3740	29	9000	Capt. Lelivre	Tourane
Bangalore	French gunboat	140	5	150		Salmon
Bangalore	French gunboat	8018	18	17,000	Captain V. Poindone	Salmon
Bangalore	French cruiser	625	4	435	Commander Lord	Haiphong
Bangalore	French gunboat	890	10	900	Commander L'Est	Shanghai
Bangalore	French gunboat	4000	31	9500		Shanghai
Bangalore	French gunboat	350	7	303	Lieut. Jehenne	Shanghai
Bangalore	French gunboat	9376	36	20,200		Shanghai
Bangalore	French gunboat	307	7	390	Lieut.-Comdr. Bonassant	Shanghai
Bangalore	French gunboat	1250	6	230	Commander Le Gollon	Shanghai
Bangalore	French gunboat	9700	12	18,600	Capt. Hourst	Shanghai
Bangalore	French gunboat	4015	27	8500	Comdr. Senes	Shanghai
Bangalore	French gunboat	9437	8	6071	Capt. Vincent	Shanghai
Bangalore	French gunboat	1796	10	1700	Captain Guibertau	Shanghai
Bangalore	French gunboat	9856	2	20,000	Lieut. Holgue	Shanghai
Bangalore	French gunboat	629	2	900		Yangtze
Bangalore	French gunboat	6150	23	4560	Captain Blondel	Shanghai
Bangalore	French gunboat	123	7	500	Lieut. Carol	Hongkong
Bussard	German cruiser	1857	15	2900	Comdr. Huss	Shanghai
Deutschland	German cruiser	11,000	36	14,000	Capt. von Buelow	Shanghai
Faust Bismarck	German flag ship	1770	15	2960	Captain Prowe	Tsingtau
Gaier	German cruiser	8230	34	10,000	Comdr. von Studnitz	Tsingtau
Hansa	German cruiser	8560	37	10,000	Capt. Schroeder	Shanghai
Hertha	German gunboat	1000	10	1300	Capt. Baron Schimmelmanner	Tsingtau
Ilia	German gunboat	300	10	1300	Comdr. Wilbrandt	Tsingtau
Jaguar	German gunboat	850	10	1344	Comdr. Kroschke	Tsingtau
Lucha	German gunboat	1009	8	875	Comdr. von Grumbkow	New Guinea
Möwe	German gunboat	1640	15	2800	Comdr. Persius	Tsingtau
Neander	German cruiser	2660	24	8000	Captain Voit	Shanghai
Thetis	German cruiser	900	10	1300	Comdr. Deimling	Amoy
Tiger	German gunboat	170	5	1300	Comdr. Giebler	Canton
Tsingtau	German gunboat	—	3	500	Lieut. Scharf	Yangtze-River
Vorwarts	German gunboat	—	—	—	—	—
Elba	Italian cruiser	2300	10	7471	Captain Borea	Shanghai
Masao Polo	Italian cruiser	3600	—	—	Captain Prohiettero	Shanghai
Faglia	Italian cruiser	2498	29	7700	Capt. Pescetto	Shanghai
Adamastor	Portuguese cruiser	1960	14	4000	Captain d'Antas Ribeiro	Shanghai
Din	Portuguese gunboat	720	—	—	Captain Coutinho	Macao
Vasco de Gama	Portuguese cruiser	3215	20	6000	Capt. Manuel Vasco de Carvalho	Shanghai
Aleout	Russian gunboat	810	6	730	Comdr. Quint	Vladivostok
Ananur	Russian cruiser	2900	5	4700	Comdr. Gramschelkoff	Port Arthur
Asold	Russian cruiser	8000	27	24,000	Capt. Roitzenscheit	Port Arthur
Bayan	Russian cruiser	7800	10	16,500		Port Arthur
Bobro	Russian gunboat	1050	8	1150	Comdr. Erjokovitch	Port Arthur
Bogaty	Russian cruiser	8640	12	19,500		Port Arthur
Diana	Russian cruiser	6731	6	8000		Port Arthur
Dighill	Russian gunboat	1456	3	1700	Capt. Nasarovsky	Port Arthur
Gaidamak	Russian gunboat	500	9	3600	Comdr. Xoroff	Port Arthur
Grigoriyev	Russian gunboat	1490	6	2600	Comdr. Zagarsky	Port Arthur
Gromobol	Russian cruiser	12,364	44	16,000	Captain Jesson	Vladivostok
Guiliak	Russian gunboat	1030	6	1000	Comdr. Shunoff	
Koreets	Russian gunboat	1213	7	1500	Comdr. Novakowsky	Sunk
Mandjour	Russian cruiser	1224	7	1400	Commander Crown	Shanghai
Novik	Russian gunboat	3000	8	17,000		Port Arthur
Otravay	Russian gunboat	1490	6	2000	Comdr. Vasiloff	Port Arthur
Perseus	Russian battleship	12,674	15	14,600	Captain Kuroff	Sunk
Plavoslovsk	Russian battleship	10,980	18	10,600	Capt. Jakovick	Damaged
Poboda	Russian battleship	12,674	15	14,600	Capt. Zatsarevich	Port Arthur
Poltava	Russian battleship	10,980	18	10,600	Captain Oeroff	Port Arthur
Rasboynica	Russian cruiser	1384	10	1788	Comdr. Liven	Anchore (7)
Rutwick	Russian battleship	12,902	16	16,000	Captain Sepeleppoff	Vladivostok
Rurik	Russian protected cruiser	12,902	68	17,000	Capt. Kuroff	Vladivostok
Rurik	Russian protected cruiser	10,823	26	13,250	Capt. Marusevich	Port Arthur
Savastopol	Russian battleship	10,980	16	10,900	Captain Borshchukoff	Port Arthur
Shtet	Russian gunboat	960	2	1125	Comdr. P. C. Ivanoff	Port Arthur
Sirovich	Russian gunboat	1060	9	3300	Comdr. Zlotarsky	Newchwang
Vasna	Russian gunboat	1220	15	1194	Comdr. Glagoransky-Klesel	Port Arthur
Zabyaka	Russian cruiser	1220	15	1194	Comdr. Abramoff	Port Arthur
Albany	U. S. cruiser	3769	28	7500	Capt. Dyar	Cavite
Annapolis	U. S. gunboat	1000	12	1327	Capt. Rocher	Shanghai
Barrbridge	U. S. torpedo-boat destroyer	420	7	8000	Lieut. G. Williams	Shanghai
Berry	U. S. torpedo-boat destroyer	420	7	8000	Lieut. Inman	Shanghai
Callao	U. S. gunboat	208	10	600	Lieut. Dismark	Canton
Chauncey	U. S. torpedo-boat destroyer	420	7	8000	Lieut. H. P. Jassop	Shanghai
Cincinnati	U. S. gunboat	3213	19	7500	Comdr. Ego Osterhaus	Shanghai
Dale	U. S. torpedo-boat destroyer	420	7	8000	Lieut. H. E. Arnold	Shanghai
Decatur	U. S. torpedo-boat destroyer	420	7	8000	Lieut. A. W. Knox	Shanghai
Eleano	U. S. gunboat	560	10	6000	Comdr. J. B. Collins	Shanghai
Helena	U. S. gunboat	1325	8	1658	Comdr. J. E. Sawyer	Hongkong
Monadnock	U. S. monitor	3980	6	3000	Captain Mahan	Shanghai
Monterey	U. S. monitor	4024	4	3944	Comdr. J. B. Milhen	Cavite
New Orleans	U. S. cruiser	3499	20	7500	Commander G. B. Harber	Shanghai
Oregon	U. S. cruiser	10,838	15	11,111	Captain Burwell	Shanghai
Pampanga	U. S. gunboat	201	3	250	Ensign J. E. Bass	Cavite
Rainbow	U. S. gunboat	201	3	250	Capt. Bennett	Cavite
Rehoboth	U. S. gunboat	4000	14	7500	Capt. J. B. Collins	Manila
San Francisco	U. S. cruiser	3213	18	9318	Capt. Marshall	Shanghai
Vicksburg	U. S. cruiser	4028	27	9318	Captain Vary	Cavite
Yalobee	U. S. gunboat	1000	13	1118	Commander Marshall	Shanghai
Winnington	U. S. gunboat	347	8	500	Lieut. H. A. Wiley	Shanghai
Wiaconzin	U. S. gunboat	1397	8	1894	Commander A. W. Dodd	Manila
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General Memoranda.

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12.15—Meeting of Shareholders of The Hongkong & Kowloon Wharf & Godown Co., Ltd., at Messrs Jardine, Matheson & Company's Office. Goods per *Ernest Simons* unclaimed after this date at Noon will be subject to rent and landing charges. Goods per *Kumang* undelivered after 4 p.m. on this date landed.

THURSDAY, September 1:—  
9 p.m.—Meeting of Zealand Lodge.

FRIDAY, September 2:—  
9 p.m.—Promenade Concert on Volunteer Head-quarters. Goods per *Chusan* not cleared at 4 p.m. on this date subject to rent.

SATURDAY, September 3:—  
Meeting of Hongkong Gymkhana Club at Happy Valley. 2.30 p.m.—Auction of Japanese Curios &c., at Mr Geo. Lammert's Sales Rooms.

SUNDAY, September 4:—  
Goods per *Nippon* undelivered after the date subject to rent.

MONDAY, September 5:—  
3 p.m.—Auction of Crown Lands at the Public Works Department's Office. 4.30 p.m.—Aquatic Sports of V.R.C. in Club Enclosure, Austin Road, Kowloon.

WEDNESDAY, September 28:—  
Transfer Books of A. S. Watson & Co., Ltd., closed from this date to 8th October inclusive.

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**BIRTHS.**

On Saturday, 20th instant, at 'Barwood', Grange Road, Singapore, the wife of H. L. COULMAN, of a Daughter.

On the 28th August, at the Government Civil Hospital, the wife of Captain WILLIAM MOORE MASON, of a Daughter.

**MARRIAGE.**

On the 8th August, at St. Andrew's Cathedral, Singapore, by the Rev. W. H. O. Dunkerley, M.A., Archdeacon, THOMAS WILLIAM ROWLEY, of the Federated Malay State Civil Service, 2nd son of the late Thomas Rowley, formerly of Middlebury, Christ Church, New Zealand, and of Southwold, Suffolk, to MARY CHAMBERLAIN, eldest daughter of the late Philip G. Dillon of Leaside, Marlborough, N.Z., and grand daughter of the late Hon. Constantine A. Dillon.

**DEATH.**

At the Peak Hospital, on August 28, GEORGE MAXINGTON, of the Hongkong Telegraph, aged 35 years. The Burial will take place at the Roman Catholic Cemetery, Happy Valley, at 9 a.m. to-morrow, the 30th inst.

The publication of this issue commenced at 5.35 p.m.

The China Mail.

HONGKONG, MONDAY, AUGUST 29, 1904.

EDITORIAL COMMENT.

Hongkong, as a Colony, stands in an almost unparalleled position as regards her financial strength. The financial returns issued by the Colonial Treasurer periodically divulge much which adds to the confidence placed in her resources. The return published in the current issue of the *Government Gazette* shows an excellent condition of affairs. The revenue from January to June last exceeds the expenditure by \$167,792.27, without including the profit on subsidiary coins or on unmettered water. The actual revenue received was \$3,204,597.34, being an increase of \$846,943.76 over that received during the first half of last year, notwithstanding the fact that decreases this year are shown in the Water Account \$78,458.41, of \$21,625.53 in the Miscellaneous Receipts, and \$17,722.51 in the Post Office. These decreases are more than set off by the increases over the first six months of last year in the items, 'Licenses and Internal Revenue not otherwise specified' \$697,460.20, Land Sales \$204,406.14, Rent on Government Property \$39,307.95. While the revenue has advanced to over \$800,000 more than that for the same period last year, the expenditure has increased by only \$412,347.34. This increase is accounted for mainly by the Public Works Department, for on Public Works Extraordinary an excess over the first half of the previous year of \$343,086.83 is apparent. Public Works Recurrent absorbed another \$10,215.76, and the Public Works Department expended \$10,647.29 more than from January to June, 1903. Other items to show increased expenditure are:—Botanical and Afforestation Department \$15,040.66; and contribution to the Imperial Government \$161,419.64. The decreased expenditure is made up of a large number of items, chief among which is the Sanitary Board, which effected a saving of \$30,849.91 over the expenditure of the first half of last year. The Land Court, New Territory, expended \$16,626.19 less; Post Office \$14,697.19 less; and Fire Brigade and Police \$22,501.39 less than that of the first six months of 1903. The expenditure has increased at the rate of about 11 per cent. over that of 1903, while the revenue has advanced at the rate of, roughly speaking, 35 per cent., a state of affairs which cannot fail to be considered highly satisfactory.

If any reliance can be placed in reports which emanate from St. Petersburg, the Russian Commander at Port Arthur has changed his tactics, for our special cablegram published to-day states that a sortie was made from the garrison on the 23rd inst. with successful results. This is practically the first sortie the Russians have made during attacks on their fortified positions since the commencement of the war. The value of such a step has never apparently occurred to them; or if it has, they have been too afraid to carry it out. By charging at Nanchang they might easily have held the position, and the same thing might be said of several other points where the Russians fought on a hill surrounded by entrenchments defended by batteries. The fact that the forces have deemed it necessary to sortie from Port Arthur is significant. We can deduce that the Japanese are pressing extremely close to the inner

sections of the defences. News about the advance on the garrison has been almost totally suppressed by the Japanese, and that from Russian sources is always to be taken *cum grano* et *securo*. The only information that gets out is that borne by refugees and junkmen to Chefoo, where voracious correspondents lie in wait to snap up any likely story and colour it to make a decent showing. Thus it is extremely difficult to say exactly where the Japanese are or what stand the Russians are making. It is said the Japanese have captured the positions leading into the third sector of the defence works. Indeed, Chefoo declares that they have secured Etsehan fort and Antazhan fort, which are North-west of Port Arthur, though for strategic reasons the Japanese retired from Etsehan to near Suoia-ying, a position which is due north of Antazhan. Antazhan is 555 feet high and Etsehan is 465 feet high, and they command the main northern road and railway line, and the parade ground. This sector has a depth of over two miles and a front of considerably more. The fourth land sector, which the Japanese will have to take before they can say they have the garrison in their hands, is said to be impregnable to infantry. It comprises deep ditches protected by masonry turrets which cannot be scaled, and the defending soldiers are down in the earth, immune from the effects of bursting shells, yet able to sweep the surrounding country with storms of shot and shell from machine guns. Many reports of severe losses to the Japanese have come from the north and there is probably considerable truth in some of them. The Japanese commanders are significantly silent with regard to the doings of their troops, and from that the conclusion is, or can be drawn that they are meeting with a more stubborn resistance than they expected. When the commander of the garrison declared that whilst there was a soldier left alive he would not surrender, he no doubt drew the long bow, but the declaration is sufficient to show that the forces are determined to resist to the utmost. Authentic news will be awaited with interest.

## LOCAL AND GENERAL.

**The Plague.**

There was only one case of plague last week. The outbreak might now be said to have come to an end. There have been 490 cases since the commencement, 475 being fatal.

**Tramway Troubles.**

A coolie was fined \$100, with the alternative of three months' gaol, at the Magistracy this morning, for placing a stone on the electric tram line. The defendant admitted the offence, and a Chinese conductor gave evidence of having seen the defendant about 20 yards in front of his car, placing a stone in the groove of the line. He stopped the car and ran forward and caught him. The stone was a small one, not as large as an egg.

**An Important Arrest.**

In April last a Chinese farmer reported to the police at Saikung Station that he had been held up on the public roadway and robbed of his waistcoat and \$80 in money. He described the robber, who he stated had used violence towards him, knocking him down and otherwise ill-treating him. The detectives at once set to work to look for the robber, but were unable to capture him, and it was supposed that he had left the Colony until the matter blew over. On Saturday night a man was arrested by Detective Wilson, on suspicion of being the man wanted, and has since been positively identified by the farmer. He will be brought before the Bench at the Magistracy to-morrow.

**Gamblers Caught.**

The inveterate love of the Chinese for gambling continues to cause the police a good deal of trouble. Many, and cunning, are the dodges resorted to by the gamblers to avoid capture, and of late the police have experienced great difficulty in effecting arrests. On Saturday a quiet little game of *fautan* was in progress at Aberdeen, in front of some coolie quarters. The gamblers were playing on the stones in front of the house, the better to be able to see the police should they come that way, and had some of their friends posted as scouts in the vicinity. Knowing this, Inspector Williamson, who determined to make a capture, approached the place under cover of a steep hill and succeeded in getting his party of police within a short distance of the house before they were discovered. There was then a wild scatter for the house, but the principals, who stayed behind to collect some money, were caught on the spot. The police who had secured the necessary authority, in anticipation of events, followed into the house and there amid a scene of confusion arrested nine men hiding under the beds in various rooms. The men were brought before Mr. H. H. J. Gompertz, at the Magistracy this morning. The first defendant was fined \$110, the second \$150, and the others \$5 each.

## LOCAL AND GENERAL.

**Notes by the Way.**

A case of plague had been discovered at Newchwang.

H. M. S. *Exochorda* was to leave Chingwangtao on the 19th for Waihaiwei.

The French Mail of the 28th July was delivered in London on the 28th Aug.

A Volunteer Fleet is to be constructed in Japan by public subscription, to consist of vessels of 5,000 tons and upwards.

The Russians are building a great wall, 18 feet high, 36 feet broad at the bottom and 8 feet at the top, protect Harbin.

The first-class cruiser *Leviathan* left the Hongkong and Whampoa Dock to-day and took up her place at the men-of-war anchorage.

The captain and over 200 of the crew of the *Evrik* were killed or drowned. The prisoners, some 600, were landed at Sascho on August 16.

Tientsin was disappointed by the intimation that the Shanghai C. C. cannot send an elevator to Tientsin this autumn as a team is being sent to Hongkong.

Sir Henry Spencer Berkeley, Kt., took his seat in the Supreme Court, as Acting Chief Justice, for the first time to-day, when he disposed of two *ex parte* actions.

There were 203 European and 51 Chinese visitors to the City Hall Library, 77 European and 1,328 Chinese visitors to the Museum during the week ending August 28.

It is stated that Colonel Baring returns to India with Lord Curzon as Military Secretary. Captains Yarde-Buller and Aker-Douglas will probably also return as Aides-de-Camp.

Owing to the inclemency of the weather, the s.s. *Mongolia* left Manila on the 28th inst., at noon, instead of the time previously advertised. She is due here at 6 a.m. to-morrow.

The Hon. Dr. Ho Kai, C.M.G., appeared in the Supreme Court to-day as counsel for the plaintiff in an original action. This is, we believe, the first time Dr. Ho Kai has appeared in the Supreme Court for some considerable time.

Referring to Port Arthur, the *P. & T. Times* says that if the Japanese 'can only keep the game going long enough, all those formidable forts will grow silent one by one from the inevitable exhaustion of ammunition.'

At the Torpedo Depot, Kowloon, an additional storey is being built on the employees' quarters to provide sufficient accommodation for the staff. During last week's gale the scaffolding collapsed, without, however, causing much damage.

The Master of the Norwegian steamer *Shallagrina* was charged at the Magistracy this afternoon, by an officer of the Water Police, with having anchored his vessel inside of the cable reserve. Defendant pleaded guilty and said that the present was the first time that he had been in Hongkong Harbour, and he was consequently unacquainted with the regulations. He had a cargo of case oil. On Friday when he entered the harbour the typhoon was raging and he was unable to get a pilot, so thought it was desirable to come as far in as possible. Mr. H. H. J. Gompertz said that in the circumstances he would discharge the defendant with a caution.

**Defrauding The Tramway Company.**

A ticket Inspector, employed by the Electric Tramway Company, appeared at the Magistracy this morning to prosecute a coolie for endeavouring to avoid payment of his fare. It was shown that the defendant boarded a car at Kennedy Town that was proceeding towards the city, and when the Inspector came round to examine his ticket he produced one that had not been issued on that journey. The ticket was for the outward journey from the City to Kennedy town. Mr. H. H. J. Gompertz imposed a fine of \$5.

**B. A. O. B.**

The regular meeting of the Royal Antislavery Order of Buffaloes Lodge was held at the lodge rooms on Saturday evening. The presence of a large attendance was noted. Primo P. D. Hyett was installed as Chairman for the ensuing month, and invited his officers as follows:—Sitting Primo, Primo P. D. Hyett; City Marshal, Primo B. D. Setna; City Tyler, Bro. W. Skinner; City Chamberlain, Bro. W. Walston; City Constable, Bro. Served; City Tester, Bro. Wong Ko Tong; City Secretary, Primo J. J. Blake; City Treasurer, Bro. Young Hee; City Minister, Bro. MacLean; City Physician, Primo Thompson; City Registrar, Bro. T. Webb; City Water, Primo Radcliff; Asst. City Water, Primo H. P. Madar; Alderman of Benevolence, Primo J. B. Osberry. Primo Stainfield was presented with a very handsome jewel, and harmony was indulged in at the conclusion of the meeting. Primos Hyett, Osberry, Stainfield, Goodhall, Setna, Bro. Bailey, Cooper, Webb, and Festonji contributed.

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## BY WHARF AND WAVE.

H.M.S. *Vergil*, the U.S. gunboat *Albatross*, a French cruiser, and a French torpedo-boat destroyer, were reported at Hankow on the 19th instant.

During a recent run over the Naval mile course by Torpedo 35 it was discovered that the course had been wrongly measured, being more than a mile long.

During the typhoon last week a lighter sunk in the Torpedo Depot, Kowloon; a small private yacht and the yacht *Carleton* also went down near the same place.

Torpedo boat destroyers 35, 36, 37 and 38 are to be fitted with new engines and machinery, the 'lifeline' of the present engines and machinery having expired.

A new towboat has just been completed by Messrs Carmichael and Clarke, for the Mitsui Bussan Kaisha, she is to be used for towing the Company's coal lighters, and should be admirably adapted for that purpose. Her principal dimensions are: length, 75 feet; beam 14 feet 6 inches; and depth 8 feet. Her boilers work up to a pressure of 125 lbs to the square inch and are 8 feet by 8 feet 6 inches. Yesterday she accomplished a successful trial trip, covering the measured mile at the rate of 10½ knots.

## LOCAL AND GENERAL.

**Volunteer Promenade Concert.**

The Volunteer promenade concert, postponed from Saturday last, will now be held on Friday night, September 2. The programme will be the same as already announced.

**New Policemen.**

The nine new men who arrived for the Hongkong Police Force by the *Chusan* on Saturday were sworn in, for five years' service, by Mr. H. H. J. Gompertz at the Magistracy this morning. The men all belong to the Naval Reserve. They take the place of retiring officers.

**A Soldier Fined.**

Amongst the Chinese who were fined at the Magistracy this morning for illegal possession of opium was one who told Mr. H. H. J. Gompertz that he was a soldier. A little over six mace of opium was found in his possession and he was ordered to pay a fine of a dollar per mace.

**A Challenge.**

Mr. J. Burke, of South Africa, who some time back challenged Mr. J. Christie to a boxing bout, which was abandoned owing to the illness of the challenger, now issues another challenge. He is prepared to box any middleweight in the Colony for from \$250 to \$1000 per side; gets receipts to go to the winner, or to be divided, winner to take 75 per cent and the loser 25 per cent.

**A Thief Caught.**

As a salesman employed at the Yee On tailor's shop was taking his rice on Sunday he saw a coolie enter the shop and sneak some cigarette-holders that were lying on the counter. The thief at once made off and was followed by the salesman, who chased him along several streets until he was stopped by a watchman, and was found to be still carrying the stolen holders. He appeared at the Magistracy this morning on a charge of theft, and was sentenced to a month's gaol with six hours in the stocks.

**Death of Mr G. Maxington.**

We deeply regret to announce the death of Mr George Maxington, Assistant Editor of the *Hongkong Telegraph*, which took place at the Peak Hospital at 12.45 p.m. to-day. Mr Maxington left England at an early age for Paris, where he underwent a course of Medicine at one of the prominent Colleges. During the same period he was on the Paris staff of the *Times*. He discontinued his Medical studies, however, and left for the Far East about 1889. He joined the French Foreign Legion at Tonkin, subsequently serving in Algeria with the same corps. From Algeria he returned to Tongkin, and served as a non-commissioned officer in the last campaign there, gaining two decorations. He remained at Haiphong until towards the close of 1902, when he came to Hongkong suffering from fever. He went into the Hospital here and on recovering returned to England. While in England he commenced writing a book on the French in Tongkin, the latter chapters of which he completed when he again arrived in Hongkong, on September 2 last year. The book has not yet been published, but is now in its final stages. Mr Maxington, on reaching Hongkong last year, took up a position as Assistant Editor of the *Hongkong Telegraph*, which he retained up till his death. He has been ill for two or three months, and died from peritonitis. On many topics Mr Maxington had a wide knowledge and was a clever writer, and by his death Hongkong journalism is the poorer. He was only 33 years of age, but during his lifetime he had experienced such as fall to the lot of few men. Mr. Maxington was generally admired by his colleagues for his sobriety, his manliness, and his integrity, and they will sincerely regret his demise. The burial will take place at the Rd. an Catholic cemetery at Happy Valley, at 9 a.m. to-morrow.

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## THE RUSSO-JAPANESE WAR.

A SORTIE FROM PORT ARTHUR.

Heavy Japanese Losses Reported.

A telegram from St. Petersburg states that the Russian troops in Port Arthur attacked the Japanese forces by making a sortie on August 23.

The Japanese, the despatch says, suffered severely, their losses being heavy.

THE RUSSIAN BALTIC SQUADRON.

Two Russian ships carrying coal and water for the Baltic squadron have passed the Bosphorus.

## THE ADVANCE ON LIAOYANG.

General Kuropatkin, in a long and confused despatch, reports continuous fighting southeast of Liaoyang, extending from the morning of the 24th to the evening of the 26th instant, when the enemy was advancing in force on Lian-Shan-Si, 27 miles southeast of Liaoyang; apparently after having ousted the Russians from their advanced positions.

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Assault on Port Arthur.

With the arrival of reinforcements the Japanese besieging Port Arthur are now making preparations for the final assault on the city. It is expected that the assault will be ordered within a few days. The indications are that in spite of the reduced condition of the garrison a most bloody struggle will result.

The Japanese are strengthening the positions they have gained and are now reported to be causing great damage to the Russian redoubts by a flank fire from these positions. The assaults of the last few days have resulted in fearful losses to both the Japanese and Russians. In many places fierce hand-to-hand fighting with the bayonet took place, the Russian artillerymen being cut down at their guns. The conduct on both sides is reported to be growing more inhuman as the siege is prolonged.

Admiral Togo has reported to his government that as a result of several days' bombardment of the Golden Hill forts the guns there have been silenced.

Reports from Port Arthur indicate that the Japanese are preparing to assault the Sungshushan forts.

The latest reports of the Japanese successes at Port Arthur have been received with incredulity at St. Petersburg.

The fearful losses which the Japanese besieging forces have suffered at Port Arthur are being repaired by the arrival of large reinforcements.

Within the last few days about 30,000 men have been landed at Talienwan. They are now recruiting the depleted forces, being assigned so as to bring the remnants besieging up to their normal strength.

It is stated that since the beginning of the siege the Japanese have had in the neighborhood of 80,000 men engaged in the work of reducing the stronghold.

Within the last few days the besiegers have secured several sectors of commanding position, both on the eastern and western side, and the artillery fire from these has materially altered the situation and broken the impasse which at one time threatened the besieging force.

The Situation at Shanghai.

The United States has decided not to interfere in the conflict between the Russian cruiser *Albatross* and destroyer *Grozevski* at Shanghai.

The United States vessels of war there will protect American interests if their circumstances arise, but Washington has decided to take no part in covering either power. It believes that the two powers will by interested may be left to arrange their difficulties.

It is believed this policy will be followed by the other belligerent powers.

The affair at Shanghai is now considered closed.

To-day the Czar issued orders directing the Russian Consul at Shanghai to at once instruct the *Albatross* and the *Grozevski* to disengage.

The Czar's action is believed to have been dictated by a desire to observe the canons of international law applying in such cases and is regarded as a rebuke to those of his advisers who were urging the retention of the vessels as belligerents.

The Czar is reported to be displaying a very keen interest in the war and to be playing a much stronger part in directing military measures than is generally believed.

Korsakovski Bombed.

Admiral Kamimura reports to Tokio that after completing the destruction of the cruiser *Norik*, his vessels bombarded the town of Korsakovski, Sakhalin island, and inflicted considerable damage.

In his report he pays tribute to the bravery of the *Norik's* commander.

The 'Albatross' and 'Grozevski'.

The Japanese Government has ordered Admiral Uriu's squadron to reach Wooning on the 31st instant. A Wooning report says that there were four windmills sighted outside Wooning and that the Japanese were to be the victors. The report says that the steam pipe attached to the boiler of the destroyer *Norik* can be repaired in 15 days, while it will require twenty-eight days to repair the *Albatross*. When repaired had already been repaired and the *Norik* should be replaced, and







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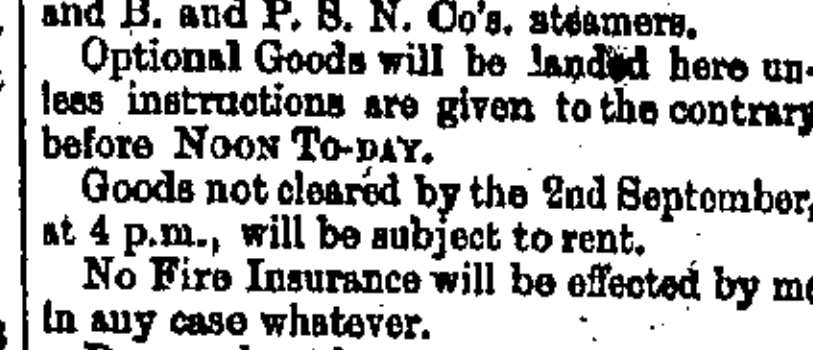
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E. A. HEWETT,  
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